

Adopted: March 14, 2017

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-827-17

RESOLUTION ON IN-RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LAST 40 UNITS

- 1 WHEREAS, Cal Poly currently requires undergraduate students to take on campus at least 30 of their last
2 40 units required for the degree; and
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4 WHEREAS, This requirement was established at a time before 4-unit courses were the norm at Cal Poly;
5 and
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7 WHEREAS, Although the origins of this requirement, which appears in catalogs dating back to the 1950s,
8 are unknown, it can be inferred that Cal Poly faculty, like those of some other peer
9 institutions, have defined the integrity of a degree as requiring that an appropriate number of
10 senior-level courses be completed at the degree-granting institution; and
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12 WHEREAS, The 10-unit cap appears to have been intended to allow three courses out of residence; and
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14 WHEREAS, Raising the cap for off-campus transfer credit from 10 to 12 of the last 40 units would
15 correspond to three 4-unit courses and reduce the need for special petitions; therefore be it
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17 RESOLVED: That Cal Poly lower from 30 to 28 the number of units from a student's last 40 required for
18 the degree that must be taken in residence; and be it further
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20 RESOLVED: That the *Cal Poly Catalog* reflect and the Registrar's Office enforce this change effective
21 immediately.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: September 27, 2016
Revised: March 7, 2017

MEMORANDUM

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To: Gary Laver
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: April 13, 2017

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President

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-827-17
Resolution on In-Residence Requirements for Last 40 Units

I am pleased to acknowledge and approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. This resolution will facilitate the transfer of allowable number of units within the last 40 units that our students take in residence at Cal Poly.

Please express my appreciation to the Academic Senate members for their attention to this important matter.